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The Bishop's Page

My dear people:

We do well to celebrate the anniversary of Confederation—Dominion Day. It will always bear remembering.

Looking back over the seventy-eight years of our national history and noting the road we have travelled is bound to stir in us the pride of great achievement. It is no small thing that has been done. Since July, 1867, we have fashioned one nation out of diverse elements. We have triumphed over racial, religious and sectional barriers. We have overcome geographical barriers—great lakes, broad prairies, high mountains and vast distances—splitting Canada topographically; and yet we have achieved political unity. In the process we have not sacrificed Provincial independence or provincial integrity. True the unity is not yet perfect and the constitution doubtless needs overhauling but the difference never run so deep that Confederation is threatened. Of course, no human future is ever absolutely safe either within or without our national borders. Danger is the price of progress. But when we recall how far we have come in a time historically so short there is no reason for anything but confidence in our destiny.

But the achievement of national unity is not the full measure of our contribution. We have also had a part in the still greater achievement of Commonwealth unity. In this immeasurably greater unity of free and independent nations Canada, with her experience of Confederation, was able to take a leading part. It was our Canadian statesmen who first saw that if a lasting Commonwealth of British nations was to be achieved it must be upon the basis of equality of status between the Dominions and the Mother Country. Such a unity was written in our own constitution and experience showed it to be possible. When Mr. Ramsay Macdonald wanted an argument for the League of Nations he said, "It must be possible, look at Canada."

As a nation we entered with high hopes into the first League of Nations. Our seventy-eighth birthday finds us adventuring into the second League of Nations. We have signed the World Charter. Throughout our history we have always accepted full responsibility for freedom and justice in world affairs. In two great wars our people have unhesitatingly thrown everything they have and are into

the scale on the side of freedom and justice. These great benefits can never be cheaply bought at any time but we realize that whatever the price they are worth it. It is to our credit that we have never at any time repudiated our responsibility as a nation for the welfare of other nations when their freedom and very existence was threatened.

We do not enter thoughtlessly upon this new venture of world government. The failure of the first league and the disastrous consequence of that failure are realities from which we cannot escape. While I have tried to show the greatness of our achievement of national unity I dare not refrain from reminding you that no human future is safe within or without our borders. There are those in every nation who would betray that nation for a consideration. In all human institutions we have to deal not only with downright treachery but also with the quirks and prejudices, the ignorance, folly and fanaticism of mankind. There is, for example, much explosive material in the relationships between French and English-speaking Canada and our constitution doubtless needs overhauling. But danger is the price of progress. When we recall how far we have come in a time historically so short there is no reason to fear any problem, domestic or foreign. If we can retain the faith of the Fathers of Confederation.

It is instructive to contrast our history with that of Germany. The German federation was born in the same month of the same year as our own—July, 1867. It was crated by the sword for the exercise of force. Germany has never had but one idea to offer the world—the doctrine of the majesty of force. The history of the past seventy-eight years has shown that the nations which offer to the world ideas of freedom and justice and fellowship will never be dominated by those who believe in force. Today, Germany writhes in the agonies of ignominious defeat. Canada celebrates her birthday in freedom and honour. The reason is clear to all—God is in freedom and justice and God is **not** in the argument of force.

Yours faithfully,

Walter Schumlin

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Editorial

A Spiritual Force In World Affairs

By the time these lines are read, or within a few days of the reading, the political fate in the recent British elections of Prime Minister Winston Churchill will be generally known.

Whether he continues to direct the affairs of the United Kingdom by virtue of his office and to influence the affairs of civilization by the power of his personality, or whether he falls into opposition or even chooses complete retirement, which is unlikely, THE EDMONTON CHURCHMAN would like to record an appreciation of his leadership, not necessarily as a political force, but as a spiritual force in world events.

It would not be profitable to enter into any discussion, at this moment, of the effect of the war on the growth or stultification of the Church. Whether the war will stimulate religious zeal, in the long run, or depress it, is a matter to be considered separately.

But this is unquestionably true: that the European war, more than any other war since the Crusades, and perhaps even in greater measure than the Crusades, if the truth were known, has been fought on an essentially spiritual basis. That is to say, there was and is

a deep consciousness among our troops and our people that their effort was taken in behalf of certain principles of behavior easily identifiable with the principles of the Christian Faith.

Behind the belief that we had taken up arms for the preservation of freedom and decency and security there has always been the overshadowing belief that we had also taken up arms that the sovereignty of our Lord should not be challenged with impunity on the earth.

It is possible that history may recognize that fact even more clearly than we are able to recognize it—that our resentment against the Nazis was stirred up, not only by the threat they offered to our physical and social freedom, but by the threat they offered to that way of life which, in a clumsy and ineffective way is still, very roughly, the plan of life prescribed by Jesus Christ.

It is not too much to say that our recognition of the war's spiritual significance was awakened by Winston Churchill more than by any other man.

That assertion is not based on any foolish contention that Mr. Churchill achieved his inspirational purposes by flinging doctrine at us or by the homiletic flavor of his speeches. His leadership was not pulpit leadership. It was not a missionary leadership. But it was an evangelic leadership because the virtues he demanded of England in her time of trial were Christian virtues and the behavior he prescribed, successfully, for her salvation was the behavior of the Christian life.

The lives of the saints set forth few more stupendous acts of faith than the faith to which Winston Churchill inspired England in the closing months of 1940. Poland had fallen, the Low Countries had fallen, Norway and Denmark had fallen, France had fallen and the United States had not yet made up her mind. The Empire stood bereft.

Then a series of speeches which rank with the great poetry of the world, Winston Churchill affirmed, in substance, that England leaned on Almighty God alone.

England and the Empire did not lean in vain.

That was one and always will be one of the great moments of the world. It was a prodigious act of faith the like of which has seldom been seen in the history of humankind.

Winston Churchill was the instrument of a divine force. The Church, at least, will not forget it.

Articles No Reader Should Overlook

There has been appearing in THE EDMONTON CHURCHMAN, and will continue to appear, a series of articles by the Reverend T. C. B. Boon on the history of the Church of England in Western Canada.

We should like to commend these articles most particularly to our readers and to urge that each one be given a thoughtful reading, not only because they are interestingly informative, but because they convey to churchmen of this generation some of the high

drama and adventure which attended the establishment of the Faith in this part of the country.

It is perhaps not necessary to impress present churchmen with the tremendous hardships suffered by those who carried the "Light of the Church" into the fastnesses of the prairie provinces. Certainly it is with no idea of emphasizing their sorrows that these articles are printed.

Rather, we feel, does this fascinating story unfold, with considerable success, some of the joyousness with which this great work was carried on.

Mr. Boon possesses the happy faculty of endowing these early figures with vivid life and of depicting them as men radiant with the light of a tremendous adventure which, of course, they were.

In the view of THE EDMONTON CHURCHMAN, it is exceedingly important that the history of the Church, the immediate history as well as the mediaeval and primitive history, should not degenerate into a series of musty legends so heavy with piety as to be unpalatable or so glossed with unnecessary miracle as to be unbelievable.

It is both wise and vital to present these historical facts as the doings of ordinary flesh-and-blood men who were heroic and remarkable only as the Holy Spirit guided their lives.

Mr. Boon in his articles has caught this touch admirably well and a faithful reading of them will help to fill in those details which enlarge the layman's conception of the Church as a living, real and potent force.

Humanity's New Charter For Just Living

The new Charter of the United Nations, as formulated by the delegates of non-enemy countries at San Francisco, has four chief objectives. In the language of President Truman, these are as follows:

1. It seeks to prevent future wars.
2. It seeks to settle International disputes by peaceful means and in conformity with the principle of justice.
3. It seeks to promote world-wide progress and better standards of living.
4. It seeks to remove the economic and social causes of international conflict and unrest.

These are highly idealistic objectives with a highly realistic significance. And yet the Charter is neither idealistic in the unattainable sense, nor realistic in the sense that it looks too fixedly at the ground.

It is a notable document chiefly because it does not propose to load mankind with tasks beyond the accomplishment of human weakness.

It is a hopeful document because it is predicted upon a realism that looks upward and upon an idealism that limits itself to the capacities of men.

It is an important document because it recognizes for the first time in the brief history of international ethics the incontrovertible fact that human relations, based on human choice alone, are regulated by human virtues and not by divine virtues.

For the peculiar significance of the Charter is set forth in one phrase of President Truman's summary of it: "It seems to settle international disputes," points out the President, "in conformity with the principle of justice."

Now this is a striking departure from previous methods. The old diplomacy was a diplomacy of cynicism. Moral law was not considered to apply in international affairs. A nation was supposed to be justified in squeezing out every last ounce of advantage over other nations. The exercise of greed was legitimate up to the point of what the traffic would bear.

The League of Nations set up a conception which swung to the opposite pole. It was based on brotherly love among nations, and the forlorn hope was that the high pitch of emotion in which it was written would continue throughout its operations.

The brotherly love turned out to be something of a chimera.

In this instance, however, we have an emphasis on the word "justice." In short, the Charter of the United Nations presupposes a world, not governed by love, which is possible only to God, but a world governed by justice which is the human prototype of divine love.

The Charter, in other words, does not ignore the natural cupidity and stupidity of human material. And therein lies its liveliest hope.

A Faithful Son of the Church

In the death of Reginald Hutton Cautley the Church of England in Canada, and particularly the Diocese of Edmonton, sustains a notable loss. The late Mr. Cautley was active in the management of his own parish of Christ Church. He was a perennial delegate to Diocesan Synod and for years a member of its Executive Council. He was a delegate from Edmonton to both the Provincial Synod of Rupert's Land and the General Synod of the Church.

But this imposing list of offices, although it indicates the esteem in which he was held by the Church and its members, does not begin to express his peculiar value to the ecclesiastical community. There are men whose very presence and whose very characters lend stability and force to any enterprise. And, in this manner, the spiritual contribution of Reginald Cautley to the Church of England was no less than his administrative and executive contribution.

His counsel was thoughtful and wise. And he inspired others with thoughtfulness and wisdom.

His service was devoted and unselfish. And wherever he lent his aid, there sprang from his example a new and fuller flow of devotion and unselfishness.

He was a man who was exceedingly faithful in his belief and in his practice and in his duties. And he enlarged the faith and the hearts and the souls of those who knew him.

DIOCESAN NEWS

CALENDAR

JULY

22nd—8th SUNDAY AFTER
TRINITY. St. Mary
Magdalene.

29th—9th SUNDAY AFTER
TRINITY.

AUGUST

5th—10th SUNDAY AFTER
TRINITY.
Oswald, King and Martyr,
642.

12th—11th SUNDAY AFTER
TRINITY.

19th—12th SUNDAY AFTER
TRINITY.

Boys' Camp

The boys' camp will begin on August 7th and end on August 17th. This year we are making plans to accommodate between 50 to 60 boys and there is still a place for a few boys who make an early application.

The Camp is run along Boy Scout lines. Scout training is given, for example, bus craft, signalling, first aid, swimming and many other things. We also have hikes and sports and campfires and fine meals. Everyone has a good time at this camp.

The cost is \$8.00 for the ten days, and applications should be sent to Reverend W. W. Buxton, Fort Saskatchewan. Boys must be at least 12 years of age, and it is not necessary to be a Boy Scout to attend. The camp will be held at Kapasiwin on Lake Wabamun.

"Mrs. X. meets Mrs. Y. and says: 'Your husband ought to be home, he went away a long time before mine did. He could be home, too, if he wanted to be.' That's the kind of foolish statement which causes no end of trouble. I do not suggest that any Anglican women would be guilty but they might be able to exercise some influence over foolish women in other communions."

"I hope you will do all in your power to clarify the picture. These are some of the factors:

1. Everything depends on shipping.
2. Millions of men have to be moved (including U.S. soldiers).
3. Armies for the Pacific will have a certain priority.
4. If one ship has to be re-allotted to meet some emergency a couple of thousand men may have their return postponed for months.
5. Officers and N.C.O.'s may have to be 'frozen' to their jobs. It is impossible to repatriate all the senior N.C.O.'s simply on a basis of length of service. It would leave troops over here without essential leadership.

"Please do what you can to kill foolish rumours of grave injustice. Minor mistakes are inevitable, but the matter is being handled as wisely and efficiently and expeditiously as possible in the very complicated circumstances."

Mentioned in Despatches

Word has been received from Ottawa that H/Captain the Reverend W. E. Harrison has been mentioned in despatches for his gallant services. Mr. Harrison is a priest of the Diocese although he has not yet served in the Diocese. He was ordained in Norwich Cathedral by the assistant bishop of Norwich, the Right Reverend E. A. Robbins, D.D., formerly bishop of Athabasca, at the request of our own bishop.

Before ordination Mr. Harrison had served as a combatant artillery officer. He enlisted at the outbreak of war and was overseas for nearly two years prior to his ordination. He is a graduate in theology of St. John's College, Winnipeg, and in Arts, of Manitoba University.

We record with pride this recognition of his services.

In a most magnificent funeral address, which was so simple as to be profound, and so profound as to be simple, Archdeacon Tackaberry emphasized that ironic paradox of human nature which fails to appreciate the full measure of a man until he has passed on.

It is a natural and yet, perhaps, a complimentary failing. For the useful man and the valuable man

The Reverend W. Brant

The Reverend W. Brant, incumbent of Meadow Lake, Saskatchewan, has resigned to the Bishop of Saskatchewan and will be appointed to the parish of Clendonald, as soon as he can be released from his present parish. We welcome Mr. and Mrs. Brant to the Diocese.

Patience

There is real need for the exercise of patience and self-control in respect of the whole question of the return of our service men from overseas. One of our chaplains wisely points out some of the factors which tend to create misunderstanding and even bitterness. We give a place to part of his letter in the CHURCHMAN. It is timely. It is necessary. It is kind. It is wise. The recent troubles in Alder-shot underline it:

may be unobtrusive in life only because he fits in so well. It is the discord which frequently stands out above the harmony.

Reginald Cautley was preeminently a man of harmony and a man of co-operation and a man whose fine Christian life and Christian service will inspire his brothers in the Church to greater zeal and greater faith so long as his name and work are remembered.

Sabbath Observance

The Hollanders have an interesting legend in which the Sabbath Day is spoken of as "God's Dyke." Few can better appreciate the value of a dyke than the people of Holland. They are able to live only because these dykes hold back the sea. When the dyke breaks, disaster follows.—("The Upper Room.")

Accentuate the Positive In the Religious Life

By THE REVEREND L. GREENE, Emerson, Manitoba.

Most of these modern songs that come booming and squawking and crooning in over the radio strike my pre-Great-War ear as sheer nonsense and unmitigated noise. I am not complaining—just stating a fact. A sad admission perhaps! I gracefully submit to the inevitable. "The old order changeth" and all that. I dropped a step decades ago in the Fox Trot, got hopelessly tangled up in the Grapevine and do not even try to "savvy" Swing and Boogie-Woogie.

But I hereby salute "Accentuate the Positive." This haunting lyric, shall we call it, has really got something—sentimentally speaking, I am not qualified to comment upon its musical virtues. We live in a time when people adopt a negative attitude towards our political, moral and religious problems. Perhaps that is because it is easy to remain neutral. We grumble about our law enforcement officers but we don't give them any backing. We criticize our municipal representatives but we don't go to the polls on election day. We charge the Christian Church with being weak in her witness but we don't get behind the Church to make it a power in the land. We loud-pedal the negative but fail to accentuate the positive.

We have whole armies of Negatives and they are all volunteer. One says: "I don't like the way our young people carry on. They hang around questionable joints and sit in parked cars half the night." Yet he makes no effort to provide wholesome places of recreation for the protection and edification of boys and girls. Parents complain that their children do not come home at a respectable hour yet they fail to stay in themselves and make home an attractive place for their young folks.

A mother says, "I don't understand why our children seldom go to church. Now when we were young we always went to church with our parents." She was answering her own question. She went to church with her parents but she was not going to church with her children. She was doing nothing to keep her children from attending church but she was doing nothing positive to encourage them. If they attended church they did so in spite of their parent.

A father says, "I don't see any harm in playing a game of golf on Sunday." But unless he also goes to church and thereby acknowledges that there is positive good in worshipping God on Sunday his influence is entirely negative. He may say he is not injuring the Church by passing the Lord's Day in a harmless way but if he is not definitely helping the Church by his presence and moral support he is actually hurting it. Jesus said, "He that is not with me is against me; and he that gathereth not with Me scattereth abroad." There is no middle position.

The indulgent parent says, "I don't believe in making children go to Sunday School or Church. I think they should be allowed to please themselves." Of course he would not dream of allowing them to decide whether they go to day school or not. He would not consider them capable of judging whether secular education is a good thing for children or not. Yet he thinks them precocious enough to know whether religious education is desired or not. "Consistency, thou art a jewel." Although in his heart he may feel that religion is a good thing for children he fails to take the positive action of sending them to Sunday School and accompanying them to Church.

I have had parents tell me they did not believe in infant baptism. They thought children should be allowed to grow up and then decide for themselves. Yet they were neglecting to see that their children were taught the Christian Faith, the meaning of baptism and the explicit command of Jesus to go, teach and baptize. Apparently they expected their children to catch their religion along with mumps.

The moral living man says, "I don't waste my money on gambling, drinking or vice. I pay my debts." But unless he is a religious man too he will use all his money for himself and overlook the fact that he has a debt towards God. Part of the money he handles belongs to God and it is his positive duty to give God His own and not merely to refrain from defrauding his neighbor.

The bigoted anti-Romanist says, "I don't like the way Roman Catholics are made to go to church and pay their money. Now we 'Protestants' are free to go when we will and give what we like."

Too frequently this freedom is interpreted as license in neglect worship entirely. When that happens our freedom becomes a doubtful blessing. If it is not utilized as a positive privilege it can become a national curse. The late President Roosevelt when speaking of his Four Freedoms said in effect, "But of what use will Freedom to Worship be to a nation that loses its God." A negative attitude towards worship breeds a lost sense of God.

"I don't like the prohibitions of the Ten Commandments," says the lover of free-will actions; "'Don't fence me in' with 'Thou shalt not's'; what is there a fellow may do?" Oh, there are plenty of things, brother! God's Word is full of positive commandments: "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart—and soul—and might, and thy neighbor as thyself," "And these words which I command thee shall be in thy heart. And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children." "Forgive until seventy times seven." "Pray without ceasing." "Go . . . and teach all nations, baptizing them." "Deny thyself and take up thy Cross and follow Me." "Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness." "This is My Body . . . My Blood . . . Take and eat This . . . Drink This . . . Do this in remembrance of Me."

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Woman's Auxiliary



THE WAINWRIGHT DEANERY W.A.

The Wainwright Deanery W.A. met in Viking on Tuesday, June 26th. Holy Communion, conducted by Rev. Bralant Wainwright, was well attended.

The Viking W.A. entertained the visiting officers and branches to dinner in the church hall.

At 1.30 p.m. the business meeting was called to order. Six of the seven branches answered the roll call. The branch reports were all encouraging and showed good progress in the past year.

The Diocesan officers attending were: Mrs. Harris, Mrs. Garton, and Mrs. Craigie of Edmonton, and Mrs. Robinson of Tofield. Their talks and suggestions were interesting and helpful.

The Treasurer reported \$10.95 on hand; \$10.45 of this was sent to the Revolving Rectory Fund. There were 24 pairs of mitts and nine toques turned in for the Deanery Project. It was decided to have the United Thank Offering of each branch placed on the collection plate at the next Deanery meeting. This is to be placed in an envelope and clearly marked as "U.T.O."

The same officers were returned for another year, with a new office of second vice-president being formed. The Officers are:

President, Mrs. H. Barden, Tofield; 1st Vice-President, Mrs. G. Kington, Edgerton; 2nd Vice-President, Mrs. C. R. Smith, Viking; and Miss Leda Baptist, Tofield, as Secretary-Treasurer.

After the closing prayers by Rev. Bralant the ladies enjoyed a friendly hour over a cup of tea, served by the Viking ladies, to whom great credit and thanks are due for their warm hospitality.

The next Wainwright Deanery W.A. meeting will be held in Viking, on the Tuesday nearest June 26th, weather and roads permitting.

Worship

Some people interpret freedom of worship to mean freedom from worship.

HOLY TRINITY LITTLE HELPERS' RALLY

Holy Trinity Little Helpers' Rally on Friday afternoon June 19th was most delightfully organized by Mrs. W. Jenke and members of the Young Women's Group. Many mothers and children of all ages joined together in the beautiful service of praise, prayer and pennies conducted by the rector, after which a social hour was spent together downstairs. Many new church friendships were begun.

ST. MARY'S JUNIOR W.A.

St. Mary's Junior W.A. was awarded the Margaret Fane memorial cup at the recent Church of England girls' festival, by obtaining the highest average in their class, 91.75 percent. In class two, for members of the girls' auxiliary, St. Mary's W.A. won the dominion board challenge cup with an average of 88.75. The junior cup for out-of-town competition went to Onoway with an average of 85.75.

All Saints' parish hall crowded with parents and friends to witness the final presentation to winners in the various sections. Taking part in the program were the following: Singing, Christ Church girls; action song, Onoway Juniors; choral speech, Christopher Robin, St. Mary's Juniors; reading, Francis Mackett, Christ Church G.A.; dramatics, St. Matthew's Juniors; folk dancing, All Saints' Juniors; reading, Harriet Stutchbury, St. Mary's Juniors; action song, "Oh! My Rheumatiz," St. Faith's Juniors; choral speech, "Young Lochinvar," Christ Church G.A.

The opening exercises were conducted by the Very Rev. A. M. Trendell, and the closing prayers were taken by the Rt. Rev. W. F. Barfoot, bishop of Edmonton. Special mention was given to Edgerton G.A. for the splendid showing they made, an average of 87.

WIN ATTENDANCE PINS, BADGES

The latter part of the program was taken up with awards and prizes given to the members of the Junior W.A. on their year's work. One or more members of each city branch won a coveted perfect attendance pin. Two junior banner awards are competed for each year and again this year the city banner went to St. Faith's juniors, with Edgerton juniors taking top honors to win the country banner, also for the second year.

Awards of churchmanship badges were made to: St. Mary's G.A., Ivy Welsh, Nona Rogers and Valerie Marshall; St. Mark's G.A., Patricia Stevenson, Dorothy Spooner, Phyllis John, Dorothy Hudson, and Lois Hetherington; Christ Church G.A., Francis Mackett, Juanita Garton, Mary Bryant and Doreen Hay.

Dorcas badges went to: St. Mary's G.A., Doreen Dawson, Joan Whitehead, Nona Rogers, Valerie Marshall, Annie Laurie Clarke, Shirley Smalldridge, and Ivy Welsh; St. Faith's G.A., Muriel Davis, Marie Field, Marion Scragg and Dorothy Thompson.

PRIZES AWARDED

Other awards and prizes to the juniors are as follows:

Bishop's prize for junior knowledge, 1, Shirley King of St. Faith's, with Agnes Crawford and Shirley Raistrick, also of St. Faith's, tied for second place.

Interest books: city, Christ Church; country, Edgerton Church.

Stuffed toys: city, 1, Constance Farley, St. Mary's; 2, Shirley Raistrick, St. Faith's; country, 1, Nina Sawyer of Edgerton; 2, Emma Sustick of Onoway.

Reading: city, 1, Harriet Stutchbury of St. Mary's.

THE MEANING OF SOME W.A. FUNDS

General Pledge: For maintenance of our work amongst women and children in Canada and Overseas and for the salaries of our women missionaries in these fields.

Dorcas Pledge: For outfits for Indian boys and girls in the Residential School at Wabasca, where children of this generation are being trained for work amongst their own people.

United Thankoffering: That is a Dominion Thankoffering for the training and pensioning of W.A. missionaries and workers.

Diocesan Thankoffering: As its name implies it is used for Diocesan needs and is voted to such by delegates to the Annual Diocesan Meeting.

Extra-Cent-a-Day Fund: Gifts from branches voted usually to some Diocesan need at the Quarterly Board Meetings and at the Diocesan Annual.

30th Anniversary Fund: Started at the 1944 Annual to provide the salary for a part-time woman worker in this Diocese.

Inspiration Fund: Is a grant from the Dominion W.A. Board. In this Diocese it is now used for two purposes:

1. To pay expenses of Executive officers to the four Deanery meetings.

2. To pay part of the cost of the Annual Reports of the officers.

Book of Remembrance: The gift of money which accompanies a deceased member's name inserted in this book, goes to a fund for the training of students in divinity.

Affiliation Fees: 15c annually per member; of this 4 cents remain in the Treasurer's department for current expenses; the balance is sent to the Dominion Treasurer for the same purpose.

The Church of England in Western Canada

By REV. T. C. B. BOON, B.A.

IV

"Mr. Cochran is universally regarded in the Colony as the founder of the English Church in Rupert's Land, and from the date of his arrival till 1849, when, on the foundation of the Diocese, individuals merged into the body, all the principle ecclesiastical business done may be said to have received its impetus from his personal energy." These words are taken from Joseph Hargrave's "History of the Red River Settlement," published only four years after the death of the Venerable Archdeacon Cochran, and they reflect fully the value of his work and the opinion of his contemporaries. The evidence of his labours is still with us: the stone churches of St. Andrew's (where his body lies just outside the west door), St. Peter's, Dynevor, and St. Mary's, Portage la Prairie, are his enduring monuments.

The Reverend William Cochran was born in 1793 in Chillingham, Northumberland. He was ordained deacon December 19th, 1824, and priested the following year by the Bishop of London. Shortly afterwards, he was married and left with his bride for the Red River Settlement. No objection was raised by the Hudson's Bay Company to taking out Mrs. Cochran, as they had already in the country three of four school teachers with white wives; and another sign of the changing times was that the first plow to reach the prairies came out with the Cochrans.

During the first five years he gave his services almost exclusively to the Upper Church (now St. John's Cathedral), where his vigorous preaching was very acceptable to the many Presbyterian residents, even if the Church of England Liturgy was not to their taste. But by 1830 the rearrangement of the affairs of the Hudson's Bay Company had caused the retirement of its servants, who settled considerably further down the river at a point known as The Grand Rapids (now St. Andrew's) and the following year Mr. Cochran moved there, acquired land by purchase and gift from the Hudson's Bay Company, and commenced the erection of a building that could be used both as a church and schoolhouse.

In 1931 his attention seems to have been directed to a large band of Salteux and Swampy Cree Indians who were in the habit of camping at Nettle Creek, a point almost twenty miles further down the river, whose chief was named Peguis. Mr. Cochran was a thorough-going farmer by nature, disposition and experience, as well as a missionary, and had already begun to farm his land at St. Andrews. He now tried to interest these rather miserable wandering natives in a settled, agricultural life, and, assisted by the very hard winter in 1831-32, succeeded in convincing them that such a life would give them comfort and prosperity. His first operations seem to have been carried out at Sugar Point, where, by 1834, he had built a log school, which was taught by Mr. Joseph Cook. Early in 1836 attendance at services had risen to one hundred, and Mr. Cochran saw that the time had come to build a church. In spite of the fact that this was "the hard year," when frost in June and again in August made havoc of the crops, buffalo hunting and fishing, and even the Company's ship was driven from its moorings at York Factory and had to return to England with its cargo unladen, he commenced building his first church of St. Peter's, Dynevor, on the 10th of June. In this he was not only assisted by the natives, when they perceived he was in earnest, but loyal members of the congregation at St. Andrew's willingly trudged the twenty-six miles return journey in order to give a day's help. Services commenced in the new church on the bitterly cold and stormy day of January 4th, 1837, with the church's accommodation taxed by a congregation of two hundred.

Between St. Andrew's and St. Peter's Mr. Cochran now had his hands full. Alexander Ross, a contemporary officer of the Hudson's Bay Company (and no admirer of missionaries) said of him that he "Was not only a pulpit man, he was a spade man and a plow man." The late Sheriff Inkster, who knew him well in his later years, relates that it was his custom as he rode along the riverside trail, which was then the only road through the settlement, to dismount if he saw poor work being done and go over to the plowman, talk kindly and encouragingly to him,

making any change in the rigging of the plow or the hitching of the oxen which he thought necessary, and then test things out with a round or two until everything was working satisfactorily. Farming was no small job in those days, for most of the plows were homemade, as was the harness, the soil was sticky and the oxen only half-broken.

The C.M.S. Register for April, 1838, reports that there were 1,550 communicants and 867 scholars in the schools at the Red River. Mr. Cochran's work took care of both body and soul.

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What are the Forms of the Christian Duty?

By the REV. ALEXANDER MILLER

(Note: The Rev. Alexander Miller, a Clergyman of the Presbyterian Church, has been touring Canada under the auspices of the Student Christian Movement, and is on his way back to New Zealand, where, at one time he was General Secretary of the S.C.M. For the past few years he has been connected with the Iona Community of the Church of Scotland.)

The events of our time are so tumultuous and confusing that they make our mind reel, and many people feel the problems of life are so difficult that there's nothing they can do about them. That at any rate seems to me to be the mood even of many Christians in Britain. They have been so knocked about mentally and spiritually by the war that they tend to be overcome by a feeling of mental and spiritual numbness, and pretty complete helplessness. They feel that the times are not only out of joint but out of hand, that the future of society is being determined by forces and movements so complex that no man can understand them, and so gigantic that no man and no group of men can control them. That is at least part of the reason for the lukewarmness of interest in discussions like those at San Francisco. Multitudes of men in our day are simply resigned to disaster.

One contribution Christians can make in a situation of this kind is to get their minds clear about their own obligations, so that by their own diligent attention to things that belong to their plain duty they may have a steadying effect in society. From that point of view it is worthwhile to remind ourselves again and again of the pattern of Christian living, so that we can get things in the right proportion and throw our effort where it will do most good. There are various angles from which this could be looked at. The most obvious, perhaps, would be to think of the quality of our own personal living; then of our responsibility in the believing Community, the Church; and then of our citizenship

in the wider world of politics and social life. But for the moment I want to concentrate attention on the particular problems of social living. And here we have plain guidance from the teaching of Jesus, which reminds us that each one of us lives, not in one simple set of relationships, but in widening circles of social life, each one of which determines one part of our complete service of God. For example, take three plain words of Jesus addressed to those who heard him

In the first place, He reminds His disciples that they have their relationships with one another to think of, in that immediate circle of friends of which He Himself was the living centre. In this intimate circle, He plainly taught, His own people must "Love one another, as I have loved you." That means a love without stint or qualification, a love like His own costly love for men, a love which is content with the lowest place, which forgives not seven times but seventy times seven. That is the law of our Christian life, in that circle of our kin and our friends where we meet folk face to face, in our homes and in our congregations, and have direct personal dealings with them. Now most of us, in regard to this sphere of our duty, would recognize that we belong to one or other of two types. For some of us this area of life is very real, and we take its obligation very seriously. The trouble sometimes is that we are so wrapped up in our own personal circle that we are pretty well indifferent to the wider problems of society. We shall come to that in a moment. But on the other hand there are some of us, younger people especially, who tend to be so full of plans for making a new world that we are pretty difficult to live with at home. Our minds are so much in the ends of the earth that often the plain obligations of life with our own people are neglected. There's a temptation in fact to be at our worst at home. Perhaps because we instinctively feel that there people will make allowances for us and will certainly not pay us back in kind. So we cut a fine dash on committees for the reform of this and that, but make life impossible for our nearest and dearest.

In Three Men in a Boat Jerome K. Jerome tells of a chap who went to bathe at the sea side. He was standing in water up to his chest when someone came behind, shoved him underneath, and held him down till he thought his last hour had come. He came up at last, blue in the face and panting for breath, and turned round to see who had done this frightful thing to him. "Oh, I'm terribly sorry," said the man who had done it, "I took you for a friend of mine." The sufferer said he was glad he didn't take him for a relative, as he'd probably have drowned him outright. We have to avoid the notion that the nearer people are to us the less Christian we can be with them.

But the second word of Jesus opens our eyes to a wider circle of obligation. "Love your neighbor as yourself." Now the neighbor in Jesus' own illustration was anyone we happen to meet as we go about our business in the world. We "come across" an injured man as we go down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and whatever his race may be, his need makes him our neighbor. In our contemporary world the circle of our neighbors is as wide as the circle of our thought, for in a real way the whole race of men are interdependent, the life of each touches the life of every other, and in plain fact we rub shoulders politically and economically with Greeks and Arabs, Turks and Serbs. This means that if we take seriously the love of the neighbor in our contemporary world we shall be up to the ears in political concerns. For it is only by means of political justice, by a living interest in problems of local and national and international government, in social and industrial change, that our love can reach that mass of men who, although we never meet them face to face or have direct personal dealings with them, are nevertheless our close kin in Christ.

So far what Jesus was insisting on was not over-strange to the Jews. They knew that they had obligations to their own people and to their "neighbors", though they were accustomed to think that their "neighbor" obligation stopped short at the frontier, and I don't suppose they found it easy to stomach the Samaritan, so to speak, as a neighbor. But they were accustomed to leave themselves one area where hate and enmity could have their way, and where no neighbor-obligations need be taken account of. "Ye have heard how it was said of old time," said Jesus, "Thou shalt

love thy neighbor and hate thine enemy. But I say unto you, Love your enemies." So he was teaching them, and teaching us, that just as our love must have no qualification or limit, so it must leave no exceptions. I am writing this on V-E Day, and its direct and difficult relevance to our relations with Germany comes to the mind at once. We can't get away from the obligation to love our enemies and continue any pretence of Christianity. What does it mean then? It does not mean a sentimental disregard of the issue of justice. It does not mean that there is no place for servility in social and international dealing, provided we are as severe with ourselves as we may feel bound to be with those who are called our enemies. But it does mean

that whatever judgments we make we make unblinded by passion, with a deep sense of our own share in the evils of our day, by neglect and sloth if not by positive and active greed and pride. It does mean, moreover, that our overriding desire is never for vengeance but always for reconciliation, remembering that while we were yet sinners Christ died and by that costly forgiveness we are reconciled to God.

So there we have our three-fold duty, to love one another as Christ has loved us, to love our neighbor as ourselves, and to love our enemies. A love without qualification, without limit, and without exception. That is a good starting-point from which to examine the form of our contemporary Christian duty.

early in May and this proved beneficial to both the branch and the visitors. At the present time Miss Kennedy Clouston, Secretary of the Council, and Miss Marjorie Smith, Vice-President of Work, are representing the Edmonton Diocese at the Eighth Biennial Dominion Conference at Kenora, Ontario. Plans are being made to present a "Model Meeting" at the Diocesan Summer School, at Kapasiwin, and for the coming year we look forward to a prosperous year in our work "For Christ and the Church."

Prayer

The essence of prayer is fellowship with God, and fellowship is not, nor can be, a one-sided affair. In friendship between man and man there is mutual communication, each sometimes speaking and sometimes listening to the other. This free and frank interchange of thought is a necessary condition of friendship and something comparable to it must belong to any genuine fellowship of man with God.

—"Christian Advocate."

Edmonton Diocesan Council A.Y.P.A.

There have been four branches affiliated with the Edmonton Diocesan Council during the past season, three in the city—All Saints, Christ Church-St. Peter's amalgamated branch, St. Mary's re-organized branch; and one country branch, Immanuel at Wetaskiwin, organized in October, 1944. These branches have carried on a fourfold program, highlights of which are as follows:

Worship—Discussions at All Saints' were based on the "Thirty-Nine Articles" and on "The Seven Deadly Sins." They also presented "King of Kings" on Palm Sunday after the evening service. At Christ Church members were glad to welcome Rev. Watt and Miss Franch Howard, missionaries, at their meetings. "The History of the Church" and "Signs and Symbols of the Church" were topics studied by St. Mary's branch. Also the Bishop of Edmonton spoke to these members on the late Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr. Temple. Sanctuary Guild work was studied by Immanuel branch. Branches held regular corporate communions and services. For the Sunday School by Post Fund the sum of \$25 was raised in this Diocese.

Work—Kneelers were made, hymn books mended, church yards cleaned at various parishes, and at Wetaskiwin the parish hall kitchen had a thorough going over in the process of work nights. Scrap

books were made to be taken to the T.B. hospital where several branches made visits. All Saints' sang Christmas carols at the General Hospital and their members looked over the catering for the annual party for the Blind, sponsored by the Canadian National Institute for the Blind. At the present time St. Mary's and All Saints' branches have as a financial project: raising money for their respective building funds.

Fellowship—Parties of all kinds and descriptions were held: hikes, sleighrides, skating and swimming parties, Hallowe'en, Valentine, box socials, whist drives, dances and last but not least All Saints' branch sponsored a Thanksgiving Supper for parishioners.

Edification—Various tours took place: Radio Station CJCA, the Edmonton Journal, etc. Quizzes were held and members heard addresses on the work of the Canadian National Institute for the Blind, the Alaska Highway and other interesting topics.

Beside regular branch activities, members took part in several affairs sponsored by the Council for the purpose of getting the branches together: the Public Speaking Contest, Installation Service, Charade Contest, and the Thirteenth Annual Conference, May 12th and 13th, all of which were interesting and entertaining. Members of the Council visited Wetaskiwin

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Spiritual Significance of the War; Through Endurance to Victory

Now that the European conflict is at last over, it is interesting and perhaps valuable to review some of the outstanding statements made by British church leaders at the great turning points of the struggle. Other statements could, of course, be quoted, e.g., those on reconstruction, and we may have an opportunity of bringing these together in a later number of "Spiritual Issues." This particular group of quotations is chosen because they were made at, or in connection with, the great crises of the last five and a half years.

Outbreak of War

In the course of a united utterance the Archbishop of Canterbury (Dr. Lang), the Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland (Dr. Archibald Main), and the Moderator of the Free Church Federal Council (Dr. Robert Bond) said:

"At this solemn time we are moved to address our fellow countrymen, and especially those of them who are also our fellow Christians.

"Once again our country is at war. Bitter disappointment and distress must fill our hearts when we realize the terrible significance of these words. But we have not sought this war. It has been thrust upon us by the action of one man. On him alone lies the dreadful responsibility of having inflicted this crime upon humanity. It is needless to enlarge upon the motives and principles of his actions. They are only too well known; and they have been laid bare by his wanton invasion of Poland. Suffice it to say that if they were suffered to prevail all hopes of the settled peace and freedom from fear for which the peoples of the world are longing, all hopes of any international order based on justice and freedom would be banished from the earth. They are an assault upon all that Christianity means, or has meant, in the life of nations. It is, therefore, a supreme moral and, indeed, spiritual issue which is at stake. At all costs for the sake of the world's peace and order the policy proclaimed by the German Fuhrer must be resisted and overcome.

"It is based on force. It must be met by counter force. What this means must

be hateful to any Christian man. But there is no other way—would God there were! The only effect of any appeal of non-resistance upon Herr Hitler would have been to encourage him to pursue his way with more ruthless determination. Thus, to use the words of our King: 'We can only do the right as we see the right, and reverently commit our cause to God.'"

After a call to penitence and prayer, the statement concluded:

"There will always be one clear but difficult test of the Christian spirit. It is that, God helping us, however great the provocation may be and in spite of all the passions which war arouses, we shall refuse to give way to words or thoughts of ill will or hatred towards those who have been compelled to be our enemies. In relation to our fellow Christians among them we must endeavour to remember that fellowship in Christ, which, however sorely it may be broken, remains an abiding bond. This temper of spirit will help to prepare us for the task, which will come when the conflict is decided, of building a peace marked not by vindictiveness but by magnanimity and justice."

Dunkirk and After

In the presence of a great concourse of the nation at Westminster Abbey on the occasion of the National Day of Prayer (May 28th, 1940), the Archbishop of Canterbury (Dr. Lang) preached the sermon. Mr. Churchill and members of the War Cabinet were present. The Archbishop took as his text, "Lord, Thou hast been our refuge from one generation to another." He said we were living in an hour darkened by greater dangers than had ever threatened our nation. Dr. Lang proceeded:

"However formidable, and indeed appalling, be the power of the vast machine of war which the ruler of Germany has been preparing for years for its malign purpose, man is always mightier than any machine. It will yet be proved that the spirit of free men is stronger than the subservience of men who are the mere cogs of the machine. Whatever losses or reverses may come, whatever sufferings may be in store, there remains the unconquer-

able soul. Here, too, on each single person lies a separate and inescapable responsibility—either to weaken or to strengthen the spirit of the nation. God helping us, we shall keep our spirit strong.

"The mere act of prayer now and repeated continually day by day—of staying upon our God, of touch with the Eternal—will bring calmness, courage, self-control. It will keep our minds from being swayed about by rumours and our tempers from yielding to mere angry passions. It will sustain even now in the background of our minds an awareness of the other great call which will await us when this tyranny of evil is overpast to strive for a truly just, and, therefore, lasting, peace. More than this, prayer is the submission of ourselves to the will of God. Just as we have put ourselves at the disposal of our country, so in prayer we put ourselves at the disposal of our God. If this be done simply and honestly, even we, each one, may be found worthy of being His instruments in the fulfilment of His purpose."

In July of the same year the Archbishops of Canterbury and York issued a call to prayer in the course of which they said:

"The enemy is at the gate. A time of testing has come to this nation, more severe and searching than ever before in the long story of its life. How shall we meet the test?"

"We can rely on the wonderful unity of the people. We can rely on the heroic courage of sailors, soldiers, and airmen, and on the no less heroic devotion of workers in coalmine and shipyard, in factory and field. But in the last resort it is upon the spirit of the whole nation, of every man and woman within it, that the issue will depend. The enemy knows this. His aim will be to break that spirit. He will try to spread fear. There is one power which can always overcome fear: It is faith—faith in God, faith that God reigns.

"Humbly but confidently we can commit our cause to Him. It must be in accordance with His Will that men should defend their land, their homes, their free-

dom. It must be in accordance with His Will that the evil powers now wielding a vast machine of war should be withstood, that justice, truth, mercy, freedom should not perish from the earth. Thus even in this anxious hour the summons comes: 'Left up your hearts.' Let the answer be:

As my friends on the Continent know, I am no friend of Russian Communism; but it is not Russian Communists who are destroying the hopes of life and joy in the hearts of countless myriads of people, men, women and children, all over Europe today. It is not Communist Russia, but

Germany, who is in our civilization have grown out of our fathers' faith in God and their attempt, often perhaps mistaken, but not unreal, to follow Christ and express His mind in human living. The word of God to us at this fateful hour is, I think, chiefly this: We have—our two nations and peoples have—a mighty destiny. God has laid upon us together the duty of leading the world into new paths of freedom, justice and peace. Only those who are humble before God, aware of their own sinfulness and weakness, can hope to be adequate for the task. But they may hope to fulfil God's Will, for He gives strength to the humble and courage to the single-minded."

D-Day

On the eve of the invasion of Europe the late Archbishop of Canterbury (Dr. Temple) said:

"We meet at a time when our nation is entering upon what is, we hope, the last phase of the war. Our prayer must be constant that no weakness in us may delay the victory of our arms and no selfishness in us hinder the establishment of truly righteous peace. We fight to throw back the aggression of a tyrannical foe and to end his tyranny. That is our first task. Force can render this service to the cause of human progress; it can check the damage to civilization that might be caused by force in the hands of evil men. That is itself a great thing and while the war lasts is our primary duty. But that is all that force can do; its function is purely negative. For all positive progress we must look elsewhere—to love of justice, to the spirit of goodwill, and to the self-discipline needed to make these effectual. As we seek God's help to sustain us in the conflict against the aggression of evil, let us no less seek His help to sustain us in the yet more difficult enterprise of establishing justice and fostering goodwill.

of the Nazi Government and its friends of Christian civilization? Do the Dutch or the Norwegians, do the Poles or the Czechs? Do the French Christians, who have been struggling so manfully to succour the many thousands of refugees from Central Europe still in their midst? Do the Swiss, whose country has been so deeply influenced by Christian and democratic principles? On the contrary, they know, as the evidence before our eyes tells us, too, that there has appeared in modern times no enemy of a genuinely Christian way of life so merciless, so subtle, and so efficient in its brutality as the Nazi power.

Independence Day, but inter-dependence Day, for surely the events of history are teaching us that we need each other. . . . Prophetic voices on both sides of the Atlantic are calling us to think of the more permanent foundations of unity.

"What are they? We have common ideals and standards of law and freedom. We agree in the main on the kind of civic life that we want. But there is something still deeper than this. When vast and tragic events shake the souls of men we become aware of the real roots of our lives. Those things which are admirable

"The temptation to relax moral as well as physical effort when the war is over will be very great. But if the hungry peoples are to be fed, if their economic life is to be restored—on which our own prosperity is in turn dependent—our people must continue their self-control and be ready still for restrictions and hardships in the common interest. And the Church should be foremost in encouraging this spirit and offering examples of it. The task before our nation and its allies is too great for the natural resources of the citizens. Only through dedication to God

and his purpose, only in the strength won by such dedication and the faith which inspires it, can we be worthy of the vocation to which the Divine Providence in History is pointing us.

Victory!

The religious side of the Victory celebrations has been, it is thought, worthy of the greatness of the occasion.

His Majesty the King began his speech with the words: "Today we give thanks to Almighty God for a great deliverance." He concluded with the following memorable passage:—

"We shall have failed, and the blood of our dearest will have flowed in vain, if the victory which they died to win does not lead to a lasting peace, founded on justice and established in good will. To that, then, let us turn our thoughts on this day of just triumph and proud sorrow, and then take up our work again, resolved, as a people to do nothing unworthy of those who died for us and to make the world such a world as they would have desired, for their children and for ours.

"This is the task to which now honour binds us. In the hour of danger we humbly committed our cause into the Hand of God, and He has been our Strength and Shield. Let us thank Him for His mercies, and in this hour of Victory commit ourselves and our new task to the guidance of that same strong Hand."

The Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr. Fisher, in a thanksgiving service broadcast from St. Paul's Church, Bedford, said "Our rejoicing could not be anything but sober and restrained.

"We have been wrestling," he said, "with the power of darkness itself, with a spiritual horror. We always knew it: the stark evidence of the concentration camps has shocked us into a fresh knowledge of how dark and dreadful it was. We have seen unclean things in the human heart, and that has sobered us. Looking forward, we know that if we are to reap the fruits of victory in a true peace, there is a spiritual struggle still to be won over the passions, prides and jealousies of nations, demanding of us all ceaseless discipline, hard endeavours and high dedication." He commended rejoicing, but without excess.

Great Thanksgiving Services were held in all cathedrals and churches throughout the land. Most memorable were the services held in Westminster Abbey and St. Margaret's Church, Westminster, attended by the House of Lords and the

House of Commons respectively. Many cathedrals and churches held services at regular intervals throughout VE-Day and they were filled with large and reverent congregations.

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On Thursday, June 21st, Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Hunt left to make their future home in Penticton. For the past three and a half years Mr. Hunt has been Rector's Warden at the Cathedral and has been a loyal and true friend to All Saints for nearly twenty years. Through the kindness of Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Lefroy a farewell party for the Hunts was held at the Lefroy home on Tuesday evening, June 19th, and this was attended by a large number of All Saints' congregation. During the evening the Rector presented Mr. and Mrs. Hunt with a silver entree dish and a firescreen. Both Mr. and Mrs. Hunt replied to the presentation, expressing their delight in having received such acceptable gifts. They assured those assembled that their stay in Edmonton and especially their close affiliation with the Cathedral parish have been very happy. We wish Mr. and Mrs. Hunt God-speed in their new home.

The Dean leaves for a well-deserved holiday starting Monday, July 16th. In his absence Canon G. A. Crane-Williams of the Diocese of Athabasca will assist at the Cathedral. We wish that Canon Crane-Williams will enjoy his short stay with us here.

At the time of writing we are sorry to report that our Bishop is indisposed. We sincerely hope that he will soon be with us once more.

On Thursday, June 28th, Archdeacon Morris of Montreal visited Edmonton and addressed a number of the clergy of the Diocese in All Saints' parish hall. The ladies of the W.A. kindly served a delicious dinner to the various clergy and lay delegates to this short conference. Archdeacon Morris has been travelling across Canada addressing various clergy and lay groups on the pressing matter of clergy pensions.

We are pleased to report that Miss Marjorie Smith of the Cathedral parish and Miss Kennedy Clouston of Christ Church parish represented the Edmonton Diocesan Council at the Dominion Conference of the A.Y.P.A. at Kenora, Ontario. We trust that these two delegates had a successful, educational and enjoyable time while they were at Kenora. We know that they will return to Edmonton with vital plans, programmes and suggestions which will keep our Diocesan Council on their toes.

Sunday School both in the Cathedral parish and at All Saints' Mission has been cancelled for the summer months of July and August.

On Thursday evening the choir of the Cathedral met at the South Side Park for its annual picnic. There was a good attendance and an enjoyable time was had by everyone. It has been duly reported, however, that the casualty list was rather heavy but the choir-master was able to conduct all services the following Sunday. We must add, though, that he was one of the few who found it impossible to attend this annual function.

CHRIST CHURCH

W.A.: The home of Mrs. H. M. E. Evans on Stony Plain Road was the scene of a delightful Tea, held on Wednesday, June the 13th, under the auspices of the Women's Association. Despite the stormy weather a remarkable number of our people and other friends attended. The conveners of the Tea, Mrs. A. E. Sheldermid and Mrs. J. F. Thompson, are to be congratulated on the success of the Tea, and our especial thanks are due to Mrs. Evans for placing her home at our disposal.

Mrs. Evans, assisted by Mrs. Gutteridge, President of the W.A., received the guests.

The sale of home-cooking was supervised by Mrs. H. M. Gage and Mrs. R. Slessor.

Mrs. H. G. Turner and Miss Marguerite Sawyer each delighted those present with their singing.

One feature of the afternoon was the presentation made to Mrs. A. J. Bellamy, who is shortly leaving us to make her home in Winnipeg. Mrs. Bellamy has been the Superintendent of the Beginners Department of our Sunday School for the past nine years. The Junior Auxiliary was under her leadership for eight years, and during all her time in Edmonton, Mrs. Bellamy has been a faithful and active member of both the Evening and Senior branches of the Women's Auxiliary. As a token of the Church's appreciation of her devoted service, there was presented to Mrs. Bellamy a coffee table.

Mrs. Bellamy's daughter, Shirley, has been assisting in the Beginners Department for two years, which brings her record of perfect attendance at Sunday School to eight years. To mark this, a gift was presented to Shirley by the Sunday School.

Sunday School: The Afternoon School held their annual picnic, Saturday, June the 8th, on the church grounds. For some reason there was not a complete attendance of the pupils, but what they lacked in numbers was made up in enthusiasm and noise. This brought to a close the activities of our Sunday School for the year.

During the absence of the Rector, services are being attended to by the Rev. T. W. Teape of the Parish of Cadomin. The Rector is expected to return to take the services on the last Sunday in July.

HOLY TRINITY

CANON W. M. NAINBY

Parish Guild: The Saskatchewan Drive home of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Hawe was the setting for the annual party of the Parish Guild, on Wednesday, June 27th. Mrs. Hawe was assisted in receiving by Mrs. W. M. Nainby, and Mrs. A. H. Lord, President of the Guild. Mrs. W. L. Hammett, Mrs. Percy Talbot, Mrs. R. C. Watson and Mrs. H. O. Grainger poured tea. Mrs. R. N. Shaw, Mrs. J. G. Fullerton and Mrs. N. C. Legge were in charge of the home-cooking. Mrs. P. S. Warren was in charge of arrangements, assisted by Mrs. Howard Tye. In spite of the wet day, a great many guests attended and

were met by cars at the Arts Building of University. Our President, Mrs. Lord, is now busy planning for the stall which is to be held in the City Market on Saturday, July 28th.

Girls' Club: All members enjoyed a trek to the "Pines" recently, and the main item on the programme was lunch which consisted of pork and beans, weiners and coffee. Special thanks to those who helped make the picnic such a success. That ended our activities for the season. We look forward to the Fall when meetings will start again.

Choir: At the conclusion of choir practice on June 28th, a social evening was held and husbands and wives of the members participated in games and refreshments on the rectory lawn. We were especially pleased to welcome back to the choir Mr. Ken Mansfield, who recently returned from overseas after an absence of five years. During the evening, Mr. Wild, on behalf of the choir members, presented Mrs. H. Ford with a little remembrance gift for her many years of faithful service. We hope all members who are in town during the summer will make a special effort to attend Sunday services.

Little Helpers: On Friday, June 22nd, a wonderful time was spent at the Little Helpers' Rally of Holy Trinity Church. Approximately forty-five of these little people, who are under the supervision of Mrs. Janke, attended a service with their parents and friends. Mrs. S. F. Tackaberry gave an interesting talk, and at the service the Mite Boxes were presented. Afterwards games and refreshments were enjoyed in the church basement.

Young Women's Fellowship: No Red Cross work is being done this summer on account of the Mobile Blood Clinic being closed for the month of July. We hope all enjoy a good holiday and come prepared to take part in next season's activities.

Sunday School: The Sunday School pupils attended the morning service on June 24th and the annual presentation of prizes took place. This year prizes were given for perfect attendance and general proficiency. Two boys won gold badges for five years perfect attendance. They were: Harry Johnson and Frank Tingle. Well done, boys!—keep up the good work. There will be no more Sunday School now until the second Sunday in September, and we hope to see all our pupils back with us again then.

Good Companions Club and the Junior W.A.: The girls are to enjoy a well-earned rest this summer. They have been doing a grand job under the supervision of Mrs. Tingle, and she hopes to see them again in the early fall.

ST. MARK'S

W.A.: On Thursday, June 14th, the W.A. held a very successful tea and sale of home-cooking in the parish hall. The tables were attractively decorated with bouquets of lilacs. Mrs. P. John, the president; Mrs. A. Elliott and Mrs. H. Bromley received. Mrs. W. Fleming was in charge of the sale of home-cooking and Mrs. N.

Hughes and Mrs. A. Turner of the aprons; Mrs. F. Williams and Mrs. H. Hays were in charge of the tea.

At the recent business meeting the affairs were closed for the season. As usual the W.A. deserve praise for their high standard of work and support.

One of the members, Mrs. H. Bromley, has gone to the coast for a complete rest and change. We hope she is recovering and will be back with us for the fall opening.

G.A.: The senior girls under the capable direction of Mrs. Hudson competed successfully in the Festival. They won the highest awards in handcraft and churchmanship.

This small group consisting of Dorothy Spooner, Dorothy Hudson, Phyllis Johns, Patricia Stevenson and Lois Etherington have done admirably in their year's work. They are to be highly commended.

Recently a Junior branch was formed under the direction of Mrs. A. Elliott and Miss Faith Hawkins.

Sunday School: The weatherman frowned on the first appointed day for the annual picnic, but on Saturday, June 23rd, a special street car conveyed the parents and children to Borden Park. During the afternoon competitive races were held for all age-groups, prizes being awarded. Popsicles provided refreshing treats. At 5.30 everyone sat down to an enjoyable lunch augmented with chocolate milk. After the repast the older pupils and teachers indulged in a vigorous game of football. At 7 p.m. everyone boarded the waiting street car and "carolled" their way home to songs old and new.

In the Diocesan Sunday School examination the following candidates received certificates: Doreen Davis, Phyllis Johns, Mary Harrington, Dorothy Spooner, Pat. Stevenson and Marion Davies.

The Sunday School concluded their year's session on July 1st. Teachers for the past year have been: Mrs. N. Hughes, Mrs. Gibbs, Miss Nora Adamson, Miss Joan Thorne, Miss J. Corlett and Mr. H. Bromley as Superintendent. Congratulations, Sunday School, on your successful year.

Choir: The choir has finished activities for the season but hopes to reorganize, with added membership, especially in the realm of men's voices, in the fall. Membership included Mrs. Rupe, Miss B. Hayden, Miss A. Plishka, Miss M. Jones, Miss F. Hawkins, Miss E. Richardson, Miss J. Corlett and the Misses Dorothy Hudson, Patricia Stevenson, Lois Etherington and Doreen Davis.

Vestry: No important business has been dealt with lately. The regular meeting will be postponed until the rector returns from his vacation.

We hope everyone enjoys a refreshing holiday and returns with renewed vigor to commence the fall's activities.

ST. LUKE'S

June has been a busy month at St. Luke's—just the opposite to May, when seemingly nothing of importance (apart from V-E Day and the beautiful thank-

offering services) was recordable for our local notes.

At the regular Children's Service on the first Sunday in the month, the Senior boys' class gave a demonstration of some of the work undertaken in the Sunday School by means of a chart showing the sixty-six books of the Bible, arranged as a library book-shelf; each boy reviewed a section, listing the books and giving a few details of the authors and the main truths contained therein.

Announcement was made that several pupils had written the examinations set by the G.B.R.E., with good results. Jean Whittingback obtained the highest mark in the senior section, and Rosalie Scott gained 84% in the Junior grade. Congratulations! girls and boys.

On June 12th the sacrament of Holy Baptism was administered by immersion to three persons "of riper years." the beautiful service was most impressive and will live in the hearts of those baptized "until their life's end."

June 21st was marked by the Confirmation Service, when eleven candidates—Donald Barker, Larry Paulson, Francis Clark, Ethel Davies, Pauline Paulson, Joyce Williamson, Audrey Major, Vivian Rowe, all of St. Luke's Parish, and Lois Turner, Violet Fruno and Cora Styles of St. Barnabas' Mission, entered into the full life of the Christian Church. The flame-colored double poppies from the garden of Mr. Barker lent a gorgeous touch against the white hangings of the altar, and helped to emphasize the symbolism of "tongues of fire." The Bishop's address dealt with the responsibilities of Christian service and gave food for much thought not only to the candidates but also to the large congregation assembled to witness the "laying on of hands." The newly confirmed made their first communion at the seven o'clock service the following Wednesday morning.

St. John the Baptist's Day (June 24th) was specially blessed by a visit from he Bishop, who officiated at the morning service in the absence of Canon Hatfield who was away on his usual monthly visit to Winfield. The Bishop spoke of the homecoming of the men from the services, of the courage they have shown and of our Christian duty towards them; of the simple Christian virtues of love, faith, hope, purity and honesty. Love is courage, he said, faith is courage, hope is courage, purity is courage—all so necessary in the coming days. These men have saved us from a fate worse than death and we must see to it that they are welcomed and accepted and brought back, or brought into, the life of the Church.

The W.A. joined in a corporate communion service on Thursday, June 21st, at 10 a.m. This marked the closing of the season's work. Regular meetings will reconvene in September.

On June 20th the marriage of Georgina Hague and Richard Shuckburgh, both of Stettler, was solemnized. Georgina was a member of the Senior Girls' Club before removing to Stettler a year or two ago.

ST. PETER'S

Early in June the Evening Group of the W.A. had a variety affair in the parish hall, which was very well supported. It was enjoyed by all and was also successful financially.

An afternoon lawn tea was held by the W.A. at the home of Mrs. R. S. Faulks. It is to be hoped that the idea may be tried out again at one of the homes, as a lawn makes a very fine setting for such an affair.

We have been happy to welcome the Rev. F. A. Peake and the Ven. S. F. Tackaberry on recent occasions; and also the Rev. Arthur Murphy, who preached on the second Sunday in July.

St. Peter's choir members and their families had a happy evening at the invitation of Mr. A. J. Brown, at his shooting lodge in the country. A picnic lunch was enjoyed at the supper hour, and afterwards a number of novel games were played with much merriment. In spite of a downpour, the road was alright and the company returned home at a late hour after a thoroughly happy evening. It may be that this feature of choir activity, along with not a few other qualities, will encourage others to get into choir work next fall.

The Sunday School teachers held a meeting lately and laid plans for the next season's work. A rally picnic was arranged for the fall, and names were suggested for further additions to the teaching staff. Anyone in the parish who would like to share in this work is urged to communicate with the rector early in the summer, so that preparation for the season's work may be made early enough to be of real help in doing the task successfully. Congratulations were tendered to Miss M. Clegg, Mrs. Harris and Mrs. Edgecombe on completing records of service in teaching scholars in this Sunday School.

ST. PAUL'S

It is good to see that the attendance is being maintained in spite of the early hour of service. St. Paul's has shared in the clergy visiting this association of parishes, and is grateful to them for their assistance, as also to the Very Rev. A. M. Trendell who conducted the service on the sixth Sunday after Trinity.

CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

A very successful tea was held in the parish hall in the month of June, under the auspices of the W.A. There were many guests and all enjoyed the event completely.

The Wardens of the parish had a busy time a week or two ago, as the standpipe was in need of repair, and it fell to the lot of these two men to dig it up, make the necessary repairs, return the earth and then erect a shed over the pipe for better protection. Thanks of the members go to them for the good job well done.

While the rector was at Onoway recently the service was taken by Mr. A. Read and the Rev. F. A. Peake. As the rector had to be away again a later Sunday, the Ven. S. F. Tackaberry was in charge of the service that day. Our

thanks to these visitors and our assurance of welcome on future occasions.

The Church of the Good Shepherd Sunday School held a very successful annual picnic just after 4 o'clock on Friday, June 29th.

The races seemed to be the event most enjoyed by the children, all of them participating in their own classes. The results were as follows:

Girls under six: 1st, Heather Forchette; 2nd, Dolores Sorochan; 3rd, Patsy McGuire.

Boys under six: 1st, Jimmy Law; 2nd, Johnny Harkly; 3rd, Keith Olson and Leon North (tie).

Girls six to eight: 1st, Anne Thurston; 2nd, Doreen Jackson; 3rd, Phyllis North.

Boys six to eight: 1st, Dennis Moore; 2nd, Terry McGuire; 3rd, Jerry Anderson.

Girls 8 to 10: 1st, Heather Cameron; 2nd, Barbara Wilson; 3rd, Alice Campbell.

Girls 10 to 12: 1st, Nancy Dickey; 2nd, Pat Pratt; 3rd, Peggy Pratt.

Girls 13 to 16: 1st, Lillian Fox; 2nd, Kay Gregory; 3rd, Alice Fedick.

ST. MARY'S

THE REV. A. ELLIOTT

We are, indeed, very proud of our Junior W.A. and the older girls for attaining such a high standard in the Girls' Festival. They entered eight sections and won the Margaret Fane memorial cup by attaining the highest average in their class—91.75 per cent. In class 2 they also won the Dominion Board challenge cup, with an average of 88.75 per cent. The group also gained first place in Choral Speech, "Christopher Robin."

In reading, Harriet Stutchbury came first and Jean Robertson second. Constance Farley received highest marks for making stuffed animals. Wendy Robertson won a prize for the youngest junior and for "colored pictures." Those receiving awards of churchmanship badges were Ivy Welsh, Nona Rogers and Valerie Marshall.

Dorcas badges went to Doreen Dawson, Joan Whitehead, Nona Rogers, Valerie Marshall, Annie Laurie Clarke, Shirley Smalridge and Ivy Welsh.

Much credit is due the leaders of these girls, Mrs. C. Robinson and Mrs. J. Robertson, who has since left to reside in Ontario. We shall miss her services very much.

W.A. Afternoon Group: The afternoon group of the W.A. held their annual June tea and sale of work at the home of Mrs. A. C. Jackson, Ada Blvd., on June 22nd. This was a decided success, both socially and financially, as a large number of ladies called during the afternoon and the sum of \$112 was raised. We wish to thank all those who contributed in any way to further our efforts.

Most of our church activities have closed for the summer months, but we look forward to opening in the fall with renewed vigor.

On Saturday, July 7th, the wedding took place of FO. David Bradshaw and Stephenie Kimenius; the Rev. A. Elliott officiating. FO. Bradshaw was a prisoner of war in Germany for some time and only recently returned home. We wish him and his bride much happiness.

ST. STEPHEN'S

CANON MATTHEWS, Rector

It was a great pleasure to see Fr. Lockyer last month. He dropped in for a short visit on his way to Cold Lake to see Mr. Ayers. I thought he was looking very well.

The Rev. Canon W. de V. A. Hunt of Edson will be in charge of the parish during August, and I am going to be at Edson taking his duty there. Mr. Hatlen, who has been our organist for some time, has resigned. He is an outstanding pianist and music teacher and we were fortunate to have him for a while. One Sunday afternoon some of the choir members went to the Oliver Mental Institute to assist at the afternoon service. I asked Mr. Hatlen to play Chopin's Ballad in "A" flat for a solo. I think they all enjoyed it though it was rather a contrast to the hymns we generally sing.

Miss Adams played the first time for the services on the 8th.

St. Matthew's Mission Sunday School picnic was held at Borden Park on June 5th. At St. Stephen's this year we had the Primary scholars on June 27th in the church basement and the Seniors went to Borden Park on the 29th. There was quite a heavy shower during the afternoon but it did not appear to spoil the the appetite for watermelon which nowadays takes the place of ice cream.

St. Michael's picnic was on Friday, July 6th, at the hall, and outside where there is plenty of room for races, etc. A number of prizes were given for perfect or almost perfect attendance.

Mrs. Byers is going to carry on for those that like to come during the summer months.

Mr. H. Horton has been looking after the Cubs for a time while Cubmaster Jimmy Green is away and making a very good job. He took them for a hike on the 8th—Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Matthews and I would like to express our most sincere thanks for the many kindnesses and expressions of sympathy which we have received in connection with the passing of my sister.

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST, RIFE

The W.A. held its regular meeting for May in Rife school house. Mrs. David Charlton and Mrs. Thomas Charlton were hostesses. There were ten members and one visitor present.

It was with pleasure that this congregation received notice of the forthcoming services of Rev. Brant on June 17th.

Mrs. Wm. Ross who has been ill for the past several months is now at home and well on the road to recovery.

It has been decided to have posted on the church bulletin board the amount of each collection, open and envelope, after every service.

ST. GEORGE'S, FORT SASKATCHEWAN

THE REV. W. W. BUXTON

At the beginning of June Mr. and Mrs. Buxton arrived in Fort Saskatchewan and are now quite comfortably settled in the new rectory. We are very happy that once again regular services are being held

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in St. George's Church and during June the congregations were very large.

At the June Vestry meeting plans were made to make some further improvements on the rectory. A finance committee was formed to raise the \$200 which the parish owes on the rectory.

Mr. J. C. Hall resigned as People's Warden, and we all thank him for his services during the past year. Mr. C. H. Williams was elected the new People's Warden.

On June 5th the W.A. held its last meeting before closing for the summer. Some members from the Diocesan Board attended. The meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Ed. Graham.

Mr. Buxton has organized a Boy Scout troop and the meetings are held on Friday evenings at 7.30 in the community hall; to date some twenty boys have joined and many are going to the camp at Kapsiwin in August.

EMMANUEL, GIBBONS

Mr. Buxton, our new rector, has visited nearly all of us now and we are looking forward to a happy time together.

Services are being held every Sunday at

4 p.m. Two confirmation classes are under way. The junior class is held on Tuesdays at 7 p.m., and the senior class on Thursdays at 8 p.m.

At the June Vestry meeting Mr. Oliver gave a report on the Rectory Fund—over three hundred dollars is already in and there are promises of quite a bit more. This was a very encouraging report and we find that Gibbons is showing the way to the "Fort" and Bon Accord in this matter.

On June 27th the W.A. met at the home of Mrs. B. S. O. Gibbons; the rain cut down the attendance somewhat but it was a very nice meeting nevertheless.

HOLY TRINITY, BON ACCORD

Now that we once more have a resident priest we are having regular services every Sunday at 2 p.m. A confirmation class has been started and is being quite well attended, the class is on Wednesdays at 2.30 p.m.

On June 18th the W.A. met at the home of Mrs. Ivan Foster. We are making plans to paint the church as soon as possible.

Rural Deanery of Pembina

ST. MARY'S, JASPER

The Jasper High School Council, members of the school staff and the school trustees attended St. Mary's Church on the evening of June 8th for the Empire Youth Sunday Service. The Lessons were read by Don Clark and Walter Brodie. The congregation was better than usual, and it was a pleasure to welcome so many young people.

The Service of Unveiling and Dedication of the Church's Honour Roll, 1939—, on July 1st, was a memorable occasion, the recollection of which in time to come should prove an inspiration to the Parish. The congregation was well represented, a detachment of the Canadian Legion was present and the Cubs paraded. During the singing of "O God, Our Help in Ages Past," the Vicar, accompanied by Mrs. Bryant, Mr. Snape and the Wardens, proceeded to the west end of the church where the Honour Roll was unveiled by Mrs. Bryant and dedicated by the Vicar. Mr. J. B. Snape, in a stirring and forceful address, spoke feelingly of those whose names were on the Roll, and reminded the congregation of the privileges it enjoyed through the sacrifices which had been made and urged that the best method of repayment would be through a greater devotion to the Church and its work.

At its June meeting the Vestry gave serious consideration of the condition of the church, which is showing signs of needing re-decoration, both inside and out, as well as some minor repairs. It was decided to set aside a definite amount each month in order to provide a fund for this purpose next summer. The Vestry has also undertaken to finish the work at the vicarage, which was left uncompleted last fall, and has under consideration further improvements to the house.

The Senior W.A. has spent most of its

time in tidying up its season's work and preparing for the annual Summer Tea. We hope that this will have been very successful. Unfortunately, these notes have to be with the Editor before the Tea takes place. The W.A. has recently had the floor of the kitchen in the parish hall covered with inlaid linoleum, which is a great improvement. Mr. Popey, under the direction of the president of the W.A. (Mrs. Popey), was good enough to lay it and cement it to the floor, so that a really good job has been done.

The E.B.W.A. has completed its Dorcas work and also sent off a carton of clothing to the Diocesan Social Service Secretary, and at its last meeting spent sometime repairing the church Hymn Books. On June 11th two young British war brides were welcomed to the branch, Mrs. Frank Jackson and Mrs. James Ward, and a presentation was made to each of them.

The G.A. finished its work for the Churchmanship badge this month—a course which the girls seemed to find very interesting. The final meeting of the season was held at the home of their leader, Mrs. W. J. Cleveland, on June 20th, when the Churchmanship Badges were presented to the following: Betty Cleveland, Marion Cleveland, Betty Lou Irwin, Patsy Irwin, Noreen McLellan and Marion White.

On June 12th the J.B.W.A. invited their mothers and friends to an open meeting of the branch, at which they gave a demonstration of the way in which their meetings were conducted. The girls certainly showed us, in a very efficient manner, just how a meeting should proceed. At the close of the meeting the girls served refreshments to their guests, and did this and the clearing up afterwards with the same admirable efficiency. Mrs. Skett, their superintendent, is to be congratulated upon the very good training she is giving to the girls.

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The Cub Committee has now been re-organized and strengthened. With this backing and co-operation of the parents, the Cubs should get away to a good start in September. The Cubs looked very smart in their new sweaters when they paraded to church at the Dominion Day service, and once more Cubmaster Adam Martin is to be congratulated on his enthusiasm and hard work.

Prizes have been awarded in the Senior Sunday School to the following: Dorothy Peterson, Johnny Booth, Joe Timberley, Bob Baxter, Ramsay Heckley, Primrose Heckley, for regular attendance, progress and good conduct during the session just ended. Our thanks are tendered to the teachers—Mrs. Skett, Mrs. H. B. Webb and Miss Jessie Haigh for their faithfulness and hard work during the year, and to Mrs. Wachter and Mrs. J. Reynolds for deputising occasionally at short notice. We should also like to thank Mrs. W. J. Cleveland (superintendent) and the Misses Betty Cleveland, Marion White and Marion Cleveland for their splendid work in the Junior Sunday School.

Our organizations have now closed down until September, and we hope this vacation will produce renewed enthusiasm when they re-open in the fall.

The sincere sympathy of the congregation is felt for Mrs. George Pugh in the sudden and tragic death of her mother, Mrs. Gates of Stony Plain. Mrs. Gates was well-known and appreciated in Jasper.

Baptism: June 27th, Jill Ann Spring.

ST. CATHERINE'S, EDSON

On June 3rd we had the pleasure of a visit from the Ven. S. F. Tackaberry, who conducted both services, and met the Vestry after the evening service when the vicar's stipend and improvements to the rectory were discussed.

The Little Helpers annual rally was held on the 13th, in the parish hall. Mrs. White was assisted by Mrs. J. K. Wilson and Mrs. Hunt, also by Gwen Lamotte, Lucy Harrison and Doreen Gold. There was a very good turnout and they had a most enjoyable afternoon.

The Junior and Girls' W.A. held a Chinese Tea on Saturday, the 23rd. The girls—and perhaps more particularly Mrs. Hunt—had taken a great deal of trouble in decorating the hall and preparing their costumes for this event, and we were glad that it was well patronized. They not only served a very nice tea, but had a table for throwing hoops, a game of throwing pennies, and a fortune-telling stand. The tea was to assist in sending girls to the summer camp at Kapsiwin.

Parishioners of St. Catherine's deeply regret the passing of Miss Matthews, very well known to so many of us, and extend their sympathy to Canon and Mrs. Matthews, who will greatly miss her continual help and cheerful presence.

We may also congratulate Rev. Tim and Mrs. Matthews on the arrival of a daughter, at Kenogami.

We would also record with very best wishes the marriage of Dale Marshall and Beth Pettigrew, on the 28th, at the United Church.

ONOWAY PARISH CHURCH

THE REV. F. A. PEAKE, Vicar
MR. A. A. READ

The Confirmation

The Lord Bishop visited the parish on June 9th and 10th. Two adults were confirmed privately on Saturday evening, and following at the public service on Sunday morning: Harry Birkett, Raymond Gonnet, James Mills, John Mills, Roy Yeoman, Marie Ablett, Joan Armistead, Phyllis Birkett, Vivian Dales, Barbara Dixon, Marguerite Gonnet, Elizabeth Taylor, Sheila Armistead.

The Patronal Festival

The Patronal Festival of the parish church took place during the fourth week-end in June. On the Thursday evening we were very glad to have as our preacher the Rev. Canon Hunt, the Rural Dean, who was unable to be with us last year. On Friday the young people presented a concert, including the J.W.A.'s Action Song, "Little Dame Trot," the Wolf Cubs, and a demonstration of Signalling, First Aid, and Physical Training by the Sea Scouts.

On St. John Baptist's Day the preacher at Sung Eucharist was the Rev. R. S. Faulks, rector of St. Peter's, Edmonton. After the morning service the congregation held a picnic lunch, and the Festival was brought to a close by Evensong at which the vicar preached the sermon.

The Anniversary Thankoffering Fund, concerning which an appeal was made at the Festival, now stands at something in excess of \$750.00, including money from all sources. \$2,000 is the immediate objective.

The Junior W.A.

The J.W.A. and their leader, Miss M. E. Turnbull, are to be commended on their excellent showing in the Diocesan Girls' Festival. The group came third in the Diocese and carried off the award for county branches. Emma Sustrik, and Sheila Armistead were successful in gaining individual prizes.

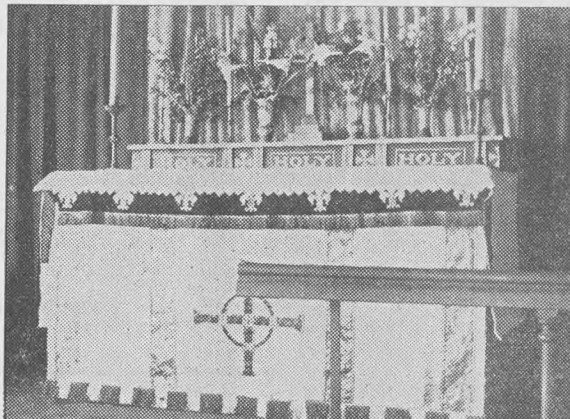
The Vicarage

Part of the vicarage has now been sold and removed and the ground cleared preparatory to excavating the basement. It is expected that this will be done within the next week or so.

EDSON MISSION DISTRICT

Holy Baptism was administered to six children in Wildwood community church on St. Peter's Day, June 29th. Those baptized are: Anna Elsie May Roberts, Gordon William Roberts, Shirley Ann Mary Lypkie, Sharon Dorothy Katherine Lypkie, Donald Fred Lypkie and Jeanne Mary Lypkie.

Patronal Festival



The Parish Church of St. John the Baptist at Onoway, shown above, celebrated its 38th patronal festival during the fourth week of June. Shown at the top is the parish church; centre is a view of the interior and the lower picture shows the vicarage. The present church, built in 1914, replaced an earlier church of St. Guthlac, established in 1907.

Rural Deanery of Vermilion

INNISFREE MISSION

THE REV. S. J. BELL

At the June meeting of the W.A. we learned with regret that Mrs. E. Sweatman, our president, was leaving us. She has gone on an extended visit to Saskatchewan and as the family are moving to Vermilion this fall, she will not be with us any more in the capacity as president. Mrs. Myhies, the vice-president, will carry on.

Honoring Mrs. Sweatman, Mrs. Myhies entertained the W.A. and a few friends to tea on the afternoon of June 8th. During the afternoon Mrs. Sweatman was presented with a pair of lovely silhouette pictures. We are indeed sorry to lose Mrs. Sweatman. Her place will be hard to fill.

Representing our W.A. Miss Alice Bell attended the Deanery meeting in Vermilion.

On Saturday, June 30th, the W.A. held a very successful summer tea and sale of aprons. About thirty-five dollars was raised.

ST. ALBAN'S, CHAILEY

The Chailey Community Club held its June meeting at the home of Mrs. M. McDonald. Plans were made for the combination picnic and bazaar to be held July 18th. The following committees being appointed:

LUNCH: Mrs. F. Saint and Misses Margaret Hollyoake and Kathleen Sutton; SPORTS: Mesdames Hollyoake, Rostion and McDonald; BAZAAR TABLE: Mesdames Cornish, Coulter, Pedersen and Marjorie Sutton. Mr. R. H. Scott is in charge of the stall.

We were saddened at the untimely passing of Ronnie Thomas, who was confirmed in St. Alban's and of whose parents are firm supporters and loyal attenders.

Evensong has been held regularly every two weeks.

ST. MARY'S, VEGREVILLE

St. Mary's congregation has lost a very faithful member in the passing of Mrs. Fordham. Funeral took place Friday, June 29th, to Riverside cemetery. The members of the W.A. attended as a body. Mrs. Fordham was Little Helpers' secretary.

The windows in the church have been stained by M. C. Hayter, and a motion passed by the Vestry to install gas heating. So we are taking a few steps ahead in fixing up our place of worship.

We are pleased to have Mr. W. Du Holke succeed Mr. Poole (now transferred as People's Warden. Mr. Du Holke was formerly a member of St. Mary's, Ponoka.

Mr. George Kowata, organist, was a visitor to Mannville July 1st.

CHRIST CHURCH, MANNVILLE

We were very pleased to have a visit from the Bishop of the Diocese Tuesday evening, June 19th. The Bishop spoke at a service in Christ Church and dedicated

a prayer bench and seat to the memory of Mrs. Alice Johnson and Alan Johnson. Many friends of the Johnsons were present from the Albert district and from town. The choir sang the anthem, "The Holy City." After the service the Young People's group entertained the congregation to a social hour in the Orange Hall. Mrs. Arnold, Mrs. Fortin, Vivian Croft and J. L. Johnstone contributing musical numbers.

While here the Bishop baptized Karen Miriam Hubbard and David Franncling Bell.

Representatives to the Woman's Auxiliary Deanery meeting in Vermilion were Mrs. J. L. McLuckie (president), Mrs. A. M. Rutherford (Deanery president), and Mrs. S. J. Bell.

We were pleased to see Mrs. Tackaberry and Mrs. Horne at Vermilion, and to have Mrs. Horne at Mannville in the evening.

The W.A. held a very successful outdoor tea and sale on the 29th, at the home of Mrs. R. Bennett. Over \$50 was realized. Many thanks to all who patronized this event.

The funeral took place on the 22nd of Ronald Anthony Thomas, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. Thomas. Formerly pilot with the R.C.A.F., and later staff pilot with the civil corp lines in Manitoba. Ronald Thomas made a worthy contribution to his country's cause. We extend our sympathy to his wife, his parents and brother and sisters.


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WAINWRIGHT MISSION

THE REV. L. A. BRALANT

St. Thomas Parish was honoured with a visit from the Bishop during June. The Bishop celebrated the Holy Communion and preached. In the evening he confirmed six candidates in a beautiful service. We thank God for the stream of new life coming into the Church in this way, and pray that these people may ever be faithful to the solemn vows of their confirmation. Jesus Christ must be Saviour and Sovereign of every individual life if the Church as a corporate body is to make its witness felt. The candidates were:

Joseph A. E. Roberts, Florence V. Armishaw, Evelyn P. Armishaw, and Mrs. Mary M. Hankey, of Wainwright. Two from Irma were also confirmed: Winifred E. Thurston and Kathleen G. Jones. It was encouraging to see such a large congregation for this service. The Bishop was able to meet friends at an informal gathering in the hall afterwards.

The W.A. resolved to increase its pledge this year by \$10, bringing this up to \$30. This is a great move in the right direction, for we must not only maintain, but increase our missionary givings. \$25 was also voted to the Anglican Deaconess House in Toronto. Four members from this branch accompanied the rector to Viking on June 28th for the annual Deanery W.A. meeting. Mrs. Seabrook is to be congratulated on a very successful Little Helpers' Rally on June 30th. After the usual short service in church, there was a happy social gathering in the hall for parents and the Helpers. This rally was possibly a record for attendance—there were twenty-six Little Helpers present.

The girls of our Missionary Service League were able to raise \$30, all of which has been sent towards the support of a boy in the Palampur School in India. This represents a great deal of sacrificial work on the part of the girls and their leader.

We regret to record the passing of John Hardy, husband of one of our most faithful workers. Military honours were paid at the burial on June 11th, as Mr. Hardy was a veteran of the last war.

Sympathy is also extended to Mrs. Fred Aykroyd in the loss of her husband. A short service was conducted by the rector on June 23rd. The funeral of Mr. William V. Gaines was held from the church on June 9th.

Holy Baptism: June 13th, Evelyn Patricia Armishaw, Florence Virginia Armishaw.

June 17th: Rosemary Violette Bralant.

A thought from the June Bible Reading Fellowship notes:

"As the Lord liveth, before Whom I stand."—(Elijah.)

"The Lord liveth"—this means certainty in these otherwise uncertain times. "Before Whom I stand"—this conviction should govern all our conduct.

ST. MARY'S, IRMA

We are happy to report that the long-awaited porch for our church has been built. The fact that it is so is due in no small measure to Mr. Edwin Sanders and his faithful helpers who gave more than two days to build it. Messrs. F. Thurston, Leo Thurston and W. Dootson, with the rector worked against time the first day in view of an oncoming storm. Fortunately the storm veered south before reaching Irma, so the work was not delayed. We hope to complete the interior and the painting in the near future. Our warm thanks to all who helped in any way with this worthy and necessary project. It is our hope that we will soon have to use the porch for overflow congregations!

Mrs. F. Thurston attended the Deanery W.A. meeting as representative of St. Mary's W.A.

Our sympathy is extended to Mr. Fred Darling, whose wife passed away on June 30th. Mrs. Darling was a faithful member of our Church and W.A. The burial service was conducted from the church by the rector.

ST. MARGARET'S, BATTLE HEIGHTS

After several postponements, the W.A. was able to meet this month at the home of Mrs. Tindall. Mrs. Laycock gave a very concise and clear report of the annual meeting in Edmonton, to which she was a delegate. As a result of a suggestion made at the annual meeting this branch voted an increase in their pledge from \$4.00 to \$6.00. Such a gesture shows a missionary spirit which is always the evidence of a live church.

Three members from Battle Heights attended the Deanery meeting at Viking. They were Mrs. Tindall, Mrs. Bacon and Miss Bacon.

Holy Baptism: June 10th, Patricia Alice Tindall.

VIKING

We were glad to have two services this month—on 10th and 24th of June. After the latter Mr. Tackaberry conducted a short meeting. We shall be glad when we can have regular services once more.

The Wainwright Deanery meeting was held at Viking on June 26th. Holy Communion was conducted by Rev. Bralant from Wainwright at 10.30 and was well attended. After lunch the meeting was opened by Mrs. Bird, reading an address of welcome. The chairman, Mrs. Barden, replied, reading an interesting item from "The Living Message." Reports were heard from the branches, which showed the varied activities throughout the Deanery. Most points are working for additions to church property and much needed repairs. Articles made during the year for Social Service were on display. All enjoyed the talks given by the ladies from Edmonton. Altogether it was a helpful and enjoyable day, and Viking will be very pleased to welcome the members again next year.

HOLY TRINITY, TOFIELD

During the month of June two church services were held—a service of Holy Communion on June 10th at 11 a.m., conducted by Rev. V. Cole, and Evensong on June 24th at 7.30 p.m., by Ven. S. F. Tackaberry. Both services were appreciated.

The church and all the buildings on the church grounds now present a smart appearance with the roofs painted black and the walls ivory. As mentioned in a previous issue, this was due to the generosity of Mr. Marvin Pruden of Glendale, California, and we trust it will be possible for him to return again and view the results of his kindness.

The Senior W.A. met at the home of Mrs. Garford on Thursday, June 7th, with six members and a visitor present. After the devotionals a chapter on the Study Book, "West of the Date Line," was taken by Mrs. Baptist. The W.A. decided to pay the balance of the apportionment for 1945, and also the bill for the cement, etc. We now feel we have helped in the improvement of the church walk, which adds to the neatness of the grounds. No longer will weeds and dandelions have to be dug weekly from a cinder walk.

On Tuesday, June 26th, a Deanery meeting was held at Viking. Members from Wainwright, Battle Heights, Irma, Rodino, Tofield and Viking were present. The reports of the various branches were helpful and interesting. Edgerton members were unable to attend but sent in a full report. We missed you, Edgerton, very much. Mrs. Harris, Mrs. Garton and Mrs. Craigie were visiting Diocesan officers, who spoke on the various departments of the W.A., including the Junior Work, Educational, and Missionary Work, etc. Mrs. J. W. Robinson spoke briefly on the Thankoffering. Mrs. Barden and Miss Leda Baptist also attended and were re-elected Deanery President and Secretary.

Rev. Bralant conducted the communion service, and we thank him for his assistance that day. He was accompanied by his wife and two children and W.A. members.

We welcome Mr. and Mrs. Poole and family from Vegreville, and trust they will be happy here.

Mrs. Tofield has been indisposed for a week or so. Her many friends trust she will soon be better and up and around again.

RODINO

The Rodino W.A. have held their meetings once a month, at the homes of the different members. We purchased material and are busy making articles for bazaar to be held later in the year. Our members turned out in force to attend the Deanery meeting which was held in Viking, June 26th, and enjoyed a helpful and pleasant day. Four candidates are awaiting confirmation in our branch and hope this will take place sometime this summer.

We are glad to report that Mrs. Johnston, who has been very ill, is improving.

Services have been taken at Rodino by Rev. Cole and Archdeacon Tackaberry.

Rural Deanery of Wetaskiwin

ST. JOHN'S, MILLET

THE REV. W. ELKIN

The monthly meeting of the Guild met at the home of Mrs. Griffith's, on June 6th, the attendance was small but business was carried on as usual. Plans were made for cleaning the church and varnishing the floor during the holidays. A number of articles were handed in for the fall bazaar.

St. John's lost a valuable member in the person of Mrs. H. Prichard who with her husband and two children left for Oliver, B.C., to reside. On behalf of the Guild, the president, Mrs. Newbold, presented Mrs. Prichard with a combined Hymn and Prayer Book. The best wishes of the congregation go with Mr. and Mrs. Prichard to their new home.

CAMROSE

W.A.: Our June sale reached the standard; we are satisfied and appreciative.

The Juniors' hike and picnic included what sounds like a "treasure hunt of nature"—they found and saw many lovely things and were keenly interested. It is splendid to have "eyes to see, and hearts which understand."

Sunday School: There was the Sunday School picnic, too. The sunshine on children's faces is a beautiful thing to watch. We went to Happy Valley and set the echoes ringing. Special thanks go to Mr. and Mrs. J. Studholme, Jr., for gift of chocolate bars, and to Fred East for his very valuable share in making the trip possible.

Sunday, July 1st, was the last of Sunday School for the summer months. Congratulations to those young people who received prizes, also to those who passed the D.B.R.E. examinations and won certificates. Our rector gave out the prizes, and spoke briefly to the children; we cannot all attain, but we can "press on toward the goal."

Mr. Wallis thanked superintendent, pianist and teachers for faithful services.

We are losing seven of our young people—the school will miss them—Margaret, Peter, James and John Murrell-Wright, Mavis and Ian Logan, and Georgina Gleave. Eager, lovable young people. We pray God's richest blessing may stay with them all through life, and when they need it most.

We miss Roma Gleave from the choir, too. We gave her a small gift with our best wishes.

Our rector and five W.A. members went to the Deanery meeting at Hardisty. We enjoyed it all very, very much.

Officers and members of Camrose A.F. & A.M. Lodge paraded to church for their annual service on Sunday, June 24th. Summing up the strong and helpful talk, one concluded that Faithfulness is the crowning grace of Christian character.

Baptism: Arthur Stanley Pelan, July 1st.

Marriage: Joseph Chrbet to Myrtle Mary Schoehals, on June 26th.

SEDGEWICK

Letters have been sent to members of the congregation and to friends of St. John's regarding the building of our parish hall. At a recent meeting of the Vestry it was decided that such a building would stand as a suitable Memorial to those who gave their lives through the years of war, and a Thankoffering for the cessation of hostilities in Europe. We hope that we shall be able to start building this summer. The raising of the necessary funds presents us with a real challenge, but we feel that it can be done.

Our Sunday School picnic was quite successful, about fifty persons attended, there was actually some ice cream left over!

HARDISTY

The day of the Deanery W.A. meetings in Hardisty was a very happy one, the day was a very lovely one and the various sessions interesting and well attended. A more detailed account will no doubt appear in the W.A. pages of this paper.

Our very sincere thanks to Mr. Trupp for varnishing the pews, painting the window frames and doing the dozen other things that made our church look so nice.

We would also like to thank the ladies of the Soldiers Comfort Club for the excellent lunch they prepared for those attending the W.A. meetings.

Special Note—Services for Sunday, July 29th:

11 a.m., Holy Communion, Killam.

3 p.m., Evensong, Lougheed.

7.30 p.m., Evensong, Hardisty.

ST. PAUL'S, LEDUC

THE REV. W. T. ELKIN

The church services will continue throughout the holidays on the second and fourth Sundays. The Sunday School has closed for July and August.

A very impressive service of Holy Baptism was held in St. Paul's Church, when seven children of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Maine were baptized: Doris Cordelia, John William, Edna Jessie, Ida Evangeline, Clayton Joseph, Delbert Franklin and Lloyd Ellsworth.

ST. MARY'S, PONOKA

THE REV. W. T. ELKIN

Ponoka squadron of Air Cadets visited our church on June 3rd. Quoting from Rom. 1: 7, "Called to be Saints," Mr. Elkin explained the principles of everyday sainthood, stressing the fact that a saint is not a person already perfect but rather one who believing in God tries to carry out His will in daily life, who stands up for the hard right against the easy wrong and is ever learning and ever growing in spiritual life. "These qualities if they mark your life and mine," he said, "will not only win the approval of God but also win and maintain the respect and love of our fellows."

Our Bishop paid us a visit on Wednesday, June 20th. Fifteen candidates were presented for confirmation. Those confirmed were: Betty Marjorie Cooper, Elsie Jean Hickmore, Arthur James Kelly,

Robert David Jones, Ronald Stewart Lea, Gordon Edward Noden, Kenneth Roy Noden, and Virginia Delaine Young; Dorothy Emily Cooper, Mr. Thomas Chandler, Mr. Clyde Otis Dewhirst, Mrs. Blanche Irene Hickmore, Mr. Stanley Horace Hickmore, Mrs. Clara Noden, Mrs. Dorothy Riley.

The Bishop's address to the confirmees was impressive and inspiring and pointed out very clearly the responsibility of church membership.

The altar was beautifully arranged with white carnations and ferns—a gift from Mrs. Young and Mrs. Jones.

Following the service a reception was held in the parish hall, where a group of W.A. members, convened by Mrs. C. Wilson, served lunch.

The annual Sunday School picnic was held near Lucas Lake, on June 23rd. Pupils and teachers alike enjoyed this event. Mr. F. Harris managed the games and races.

Sunday School is over for another year. The attendance has been very regular throughout the year. Much credit is due the various teachers who have carried on the work or substituted for others.

Mrs. Peacock went as a delegate from the W.A. to the Wetaskiwin Deanery meeting at Sedgewick.

No Intercession Services will be held during the months of July and August.

Holy Baptism: June 3rd, Jeanne Ellen Christophers; June 10th, Robert Wayne Riley, Clyde Otis Dewhirst; June 12th, Blanche Irene Hickmore.

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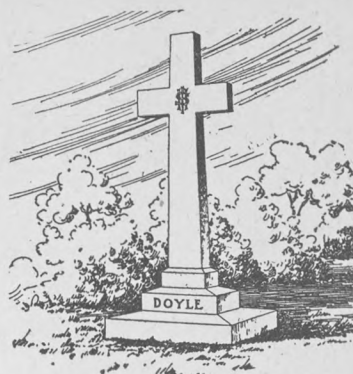
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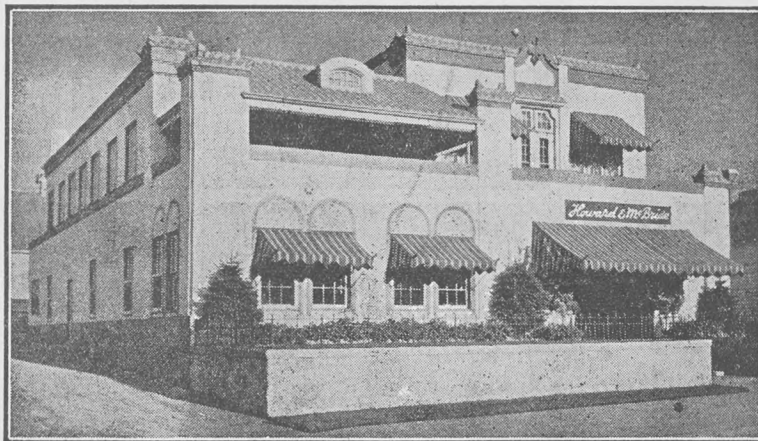
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